

News from your President



June 2013

The 2013 conference planning has now entered the execution stage! This year's conference has an excellent line up of speakers and will be featuring a new interactive ethics session. I hope that I will have the opportunity to see many of you there; it is always great to reacquaint with old friends and to make new ones.

The federal government introduced a new Not-For-Profit Incorporation Act in 2011. The goal of this new act is to structure this sector in a manner that emulates many of the ways that for-profit businesses are incorporated. It will change the structure, reporting, and many other ways that current not-for-profit organizations work. This includes VRA Canada.

VRA Canada is working with a Toronto law firm —that specializes in this type of work—to ensure that we are compliant with the new laws. This will require a new set of bylaws, articles of incorporation, and changes to our current procedures. Members will have responsibilities, including the voting of directors.

Your board members have been informed of these changes and will be kept abreast of all progress as we move forward. We have scheduled meetings with the society boards and have posted an outline about the changes and the key differences between the old and new act, provided by our law firm.

For information please refer to the member section of our website: www.vracanada.com.
Or visit <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/c-7.75/> or <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cd-dgc.nsf/eng/cs05014.html>.

Other Interesting Developments:

I was pleased to see that we had almost 300 respondents to our recent survey. Results will be tabulated, and a copy of the results will be posted online for you to review. We are currently investigating educational opportunities for members. Our goal is to provide quality, affordable professional development for all members. Please note that June 30th is the last day for grandfathering into the college (CVRP).

VRA Canada will be launching our new website at the end of the month. We hope that this will provide better utility for members and reporting opportunities for our administration. Information is key to making sound decisions.

If you are not currently a member of our LinkedIn page, I encourage you to join in the conversation. This is a great tool for networking and seeking information. Be sure to check out our other social media sites as well, including Facebook.com/VRACanada and Twitter, @VRACanada.

The summer edition of *Rehab Matters* will be mailed out to you by the end of the month; happy reading! We are always looking for informational stories that will provide insight for our fellow members; I encourage you to share your experiences in the field through our official publication. If you have any questions about writing for the magazine or wish to submit a story, contact our editor, Katherine, at query@mcintegrated.com.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lesley McIntyre".

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